



AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS

## Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Committee Meeting: 05/24/2021\*

\*Convened virtually with call-in information due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency in accordance with flexibilities enacted by Act 92 of 2020.

### Committee Members Present

✓	Jessa Barnard	✓	Yacouba Jacob Bogre		Kelly Dougherty
✓	Lisa Draper	✓	Mike Fisher	✓	Devon Green
✓	Dale Hackett	✓	Rebecca Heintz	✓	Sharon Henault
✓	Zachary Hozid		Gladys Konstantin		Helen Labun
✓	Joan Lavoie		Erin Maguire	✓	Gustavo Mercado Muniz
✓	Kirsten Murphy	✓	Jamie Rainville	✓	John Schultz
✓	Sarah Teel	✓	Julie Tessler	✓	Jason Williams

### Other Attendees Present

	Cory Gustafson	✓	Adaline Strumolo	✓	Sandi Hoffman
✓	Nissa James	✓	Zachary Goss	✓	Sean Sheehan
✓	Shannon Mead	✓	Victoria Jarvis	✓	Shayla Livingston
✓	Scott Cerreta	✓	Bard Hill	✓	Sarah Peterson
✓	Nieko Lavery	✓	Betty Morse	✓	Brendan Hogan
✓	Josette Duarte	✓	Lucie Garand	✓	Kelsey Thornton
✓	Sebastian Arduengo	✓	Cynthis Seivwright		

### Agenda

- **Supporting Documents: Posted to [Department of Vermont Health Access website](#).**  
Advisory Committee 5\_25\_21 Agenda.pdf  
Advisory Committee PPT 5\_24\_2021.pdf
- **Convene**  
Devon Green, Co-Chair, chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order.
- **Roll Call, Approval of Minutes, and Quorum**  
Zack Goss, Health Care Training and Communication Manager (DVHA) completed the roll call, and determined a quorum was present. The motion to approve the April 2021 meeting minutes was made, seconded, the Chair stated the question to approve the April 2021 meeting meetings to the Committee, and upon no discussion, the Chair put the motion to a vote. The April 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

- **Co-Chair Nomination for July 2021-June 2022 Term**

Zack Goss, Health Care Training and Communication Manager (DVHA) reviewed co-chair nominations for the July 2021-June 2022 term. Devon Green and Erin Maguire (current co-chairs) were the only members to receive nomination. Co-chair Green accepted the nomination on behalf of she and co-chair Maguire, pending no objection from the committee membership. The committee members then conducted an election vote for Devon Green and Erin Maguire to serve the Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Committee co-chairs for the July 2021-June 2020 term. Among those members who voted, "I" votes were unanimous, confirming their next terms as committee chairs. The committee discussed the importance of member participation in chair role and encouraged current and former chairs to proactively recruit and for interested members to outreach chairs and/or DVHA staff.

- **Committee Discussion: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) & Effectively Communicating Changes to Vermonters**

Nissa James, Health Care Director (DVHA) provided

*For more information, please see Advisory Committee PPT 5\_24\_2021.pdf slide 4-12*

- **Commissioner's Update**

Nissa James, Health Care Director (DVHA)

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner (DVHA)

- **1115 Global Commitment Waiver Renewal Overview**

Ashely Berliner, Director of Medicaid Policy (DVHA)

*For more information, please see Advisory Committee PPT 5\_24\_2021.pdf slide 14-31*

- **Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

- **Final Committee Discussion**

- **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

**Additional about the Department's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency may be located here:** <https://dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19>